

QUERIES & ANSWERS.

How Many of Parson Courtney's Scholars Are Still Living?

RICHMOND'S "OLD STONE HOUSE."
All About the Alleged "Washington Headquarters" Building—The Area of Capitol Square, This City, and Hollywood Cemetery—Etc.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Will you kindly inform me through your Query column if fourth-class postmasters have been put under civil-service rules, and oblige a subscriber.
J. W. R.

Tall Young Man.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
I see in your paper that you want the height and weight of some of the largest men in the State. I weigh 190 pounds, and I am 6 feet 7 inches high. My age is 29 years.
GEORGE P. NICHOLS,
Clover, Halifax county, Va.

Millions for Defence.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Please state who made use of the expression: "Millions for defence, but not one cent for tribute," and under what circumstances, and oblige,
LEX.
Charles Coatesworth Pinckney, when Ambassador to the French republic, in 1793.

His Furniture.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Can you inform me through the columns of your paper if the suit of furniture used by President Jefferson Davis and family in the Spotswood Hotel, in this city, was burned at the time the hotel was destroyed, and if not, what became of it?
C. H. P.

How to Get in the Army.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
What steps will I have to take to get in the United States army? Please answer at once.
T. F. B.
Ford, Va.

The Tallest Yet.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
I notice you want names, height, and weight of extra-large men. I think that Mr. Parker Layne, Boyd Tavern, Albemarle county, will be admitted to your circle. He is 24 years of age, is 6 feet 8 inches high, and is not the least bit fleshy, but weighs 250 pounds.
If this does not "fill the bill," let me know, and I'll try to find you a bigger boy.
H. E. H.
Shadwell, Va.

Tippecanoe and Tyler Too.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Will you please publish in the Query column the campaign song of the Whig party in the campaign of 1847? It began something like:
"Tippecanoe and Tyler Too."
By so doing you will greatly oblige
A CONSTANT READER.
Meadow Dale, Va.

Hollywood and Capitol Square.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
To settle a dispute, please state in your answer column the area of the Capitol Square, including that part occupied by the Governor's Mansion, and the area of Hollywood Cemetery, including the new part, and oblige.
STAR CLUB.
We cannot be exact, but the Capitol Square contains between eleven and twelve acres, and Hollywood about eighty-six acres.

A Field Problem.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
You will publish the following problem and publish in the next copy of the Dispatch:
A field on the north side is 245 yards long; on the south side 203 yards; on the east side 146 yards, and on the west side 111 yards. How many square yards is the field?
C. W. L.

Brigham Young's Wives.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
How many wives had Brigham Young, the Mormon prophet?
In commencing a letter, for instance, "My Dear Cousin," should all three words commence with a capital letter?
"SHORTY."
Richmond, Va.

A Turkish Piece.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
I enclose a print made by either side of a silver coin. What country is it a native of, and what do the characters represent?
W. S.
White Shoals, Va.

Parson Courtney's Scholars.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
I would like to know how many of the boys are living who were educated by that great and good man, the Rev. Philip Courtney, at the old Lancasterian School, opposite the city jail, the only public school in this city before the war. Will you not publish their names if they send them to you? I have the honor to be a graduate of that school.
J. H. D.

Yes or No.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Is it correct in answering a lady or an old gentleman to say yes or no, or should we add sir or madam?
DIPATCH READER.
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or "no, sir"; "yes, madam," or "no, madam," as the case may be. It is all a matter of custom, and we know of no good reason for changing that which has long prevailed in the South.

Gen. Morgan-Quack.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
When and where was General John H. Morgan captured; and when and where was he killed?
What is the meaning of the word quack?
1. General Morgan was captured in 1863. He escaped, and later on undertook a raid in Tennessee. He was surprised by Federal cavalry at a farm-house near Greenville, and killed, while attempting to escape, September 4, 1864.
2. Quack: Noun, the cry of a duck; also an ignorant pretender to medicine; a boastful pretender to skill or knowledge not possessed; a vendor of nostrums; an empiric; verb, to cry like a duck; to act or practice as a quack; etc., etc.

Robert Bruce Poem.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Will you please publish the poem concerning Robert Bruce, of Scotland, and the first stanza of which is like the following:
Robert, the Bruce, in his dungeon stood,
Waiting the hour of doom;
Behind him the Palace of Holyrood lay,
Before him a nameless tomb.
The foam on his lip was flecked with red,
As upcalling the day of his past renown.
When he won and he wore the Scottish crown,
For come thou shadow, or come thou shine,
The spider is spinning his thread so fine.
C. T. T.

A Tree Problem.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Please answer the example in your Query column. If a tree is 60 feet tall, and it breaks off so that the top of the tree falls exactly 40 feet from its base with the tree still resting on the stump, how high is the stump?
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Byrd in the construction of the house used his quarters. If this be so, the old Stone House may be said to have existed in some shape for about 250 years.
Allusion has been made to the inscription upon the cross erected in 1867 on the island below the falls. It is a curious coincidence that on the front walls of the Stone House the monogram "I. R." appears in raised letters about ten inches long. Is the stone on which they appear one of the stones forming the cross erected by the explorers in 1607? If not, at what time and by whom were these letters carved? If they refer to James I., then the building, if erected during his reign, must be even older than we have supposed. They may, however, refer to James II., who was the English sovereign at the time when Fort Charles was regularly garrisoned.
2. There is no historical evidence that Washington ever occupied the old Stone House as his headquarters, or that he was in Richmond at any time during the Revolutionary war. When Arnold came to Richmond, in 1781, General Washington was at the North. When the lines were closing around Cornwallis at Yorktown, General Anthony Wayne's command passed through Richmond, but General Washington, who was then at Annapolis, went to Mount Vernon, and from thence rode horseback to Yorktown, stopping a night at the White House on the Pamunkey, and he did not pass through Richmond. He was in Richmond on two occasions after the war, but he was quartered at the Eagle Tavern, and if he was ever in the Stone House, he was possibly there as a guest of the respectable people who at that time owned and occupied it.

There are many fanciful and amusing traditions related concerning the Stone House. A few years ago it was in charge of a bright, glib-tongued negro boy, who conducted his visitors through the place and delivered his lecture with as much impressiveness as any guide through the Tower of London.
He described the building as having been erected by Powhatan, showed the stone on which Captain Smith's head was laid, pointed out the room which had been occupied by Washington, the mulberry tree which he had planned in the yard, the very spot on which he and Lafayette were standing when the British came running down Church Hill, and indicated the course these terror-stricken rebels had taken when they made their escape. Many other wonderful stories were narrated, but the climax was reached when he conducted his visitors to a shed and solemnly revealed to them the identical meat-block on which Sir Walter Raleigh had been beheaded.
Of course the intelligent visitor could only be amused at these ridiculous stories, but the old Stone House is, notwithstanding all this, most interesting relic of Colonial days.

Notice to Correspondents.
No notice will be taken of anonymous communications.
We cannot publish copyrighted songs and poems without the permission of the owner of the copyright.
This column is not an advertising medium. No query will receive attention the answer to which would necessitate the advertising of any person's business or wares.

Nor will any attention be given to long "strings" of questions. Every week numbers of correspondents ignore this rule of ours, and afterwards wonder why their queries are not answered.
Many queries are not answered because the similar ones have been recently answered. We cannot undertake to ascertain the value of old coins. For that information write to some dealer in them.
We cannot undertake to answer queries by mail; we can only answer them through this column.
Address "Query Editor, Dispatch Office, Richmond, Va."

Book Notices.
THE CENTURY MAGAZINE, Vol. L, New Series, Vol. XXVIII, May, 1896, to October, 1896. Bound in gilt cloth. New York: The Century Company. 999 pages.
The fifth volume of the Century, containing the numbers of the magazine for the past six months, has appeared. History, biography, art, and science have adequate treatment, as well as fiction and the lighter things. Perhaps the most notable feature of the volume is Professor William M. Sloane's "Life of Napoleon," which reaches the most exciting portion of the great conqueror's career. There is a profusion of illustrations, including numerous reproductions of famous masterpieces of painting, but also many drawings made for the work by French, English, and American artists. A suggestive contrast in the character of the two Napoleons is furnished by Miss Anna L. Bicknell's interesting reminiscences of "Life in the Tuileries Under the Second Empire." A paper that has attracted wide attention all over the world is "The Yalu Fight," by Captain Alfred T. Mahan, the great naval historian and tactician. Max Nordau is represented by a lively "Answer to My Critics," while Professor Cesare Lombroso discusses the value and errors of Darwin's theory of evolution, which was dedicated to him. In the line of fiction there are the closing portions of Marion Crawford's "Casa Braccio," the whole of Julia Magruder's "Princess Sonia," and many short stories by various authors. There is much in the volume that one needs in his library for permanent reference.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. Editor, Lyon G. Tyler, M. A. J. U. P. President, John William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va. Richmond, Va.: Whittey & Shepperson, Richmond Printers.
Table of Contents: 1. Old Tombstones in Charles City County—Ralph Davis, William Willard, Rev. Charles Anderson, Theodore Bland, Walter Aston, Captain William Perry, William Byrd (2), Evelyn Byrd, Elizabeth Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, Colonel Edward Hill, Anne B. Southall, Dorothy Farrell, William Harris; Notes, 2. Title of Westover, by the Editor, 3. Libraries in Colonial Virginia—Colonel William Byrd, Rev. William Dunbar, Hon. Philip Ludwell, John Wood, George Davenport, Joseph McAdams, Rev. Thomas Harrocks, 4. Thornton Family (continued), by W. G. Standard, 5. Coats-of-Arms in Virginia—Chapman, Pearson, Parker, Metcalf, and Bushnell, 6. Indian Affairs in Virginia, 7. Indian Affairs in Virginia, 8. The Thurstons Family of Virginia (continued), 9. The Smiths of Virginia—Families of John Smith, of Purton, and President Augustine Smith (continued), 10. Journal of the Meetings of the Board of Trustees of William and Mary College (continued), 11. The Strachays of Sutton Court, and Pedigree (continued), 12. The Oldest Tombstone, 13. Starke's Free School and "Justice of the Peace," 14. Historical and Genealogical Notes, 15. Wilton and Windsor, Kneller and Hessel, John Clayton, The Society for the Advancement of Useful Knowledge, Francis Hargreaves, Robert Carter's School-Bill, Randolph-Purcell, Sir Thomas Lunford, Old York, Throckmorton Nunn, Traverses-Colston, Hulard Family Brown Family of James City County, Smith, Elective and Honor System, 16. Book Reviews, 17. Publications Received.

THE WANDERING JEW. By Eugene Sue. R. V. Cowell & Co., New York. Two volumes; \$1.
Those who have read this French masterpiece cannot but feel regret that there is one such exquisite pleasure the less for us on beholding these beautiful volumes, which are, indeed, a credit to the publishers. If beautiful print, sumptuous binding, and apt illustrations enhance the attraction of a tale attractive enough in itself, then must the "Jew" in this dress prove the most fascinating of all the stories which charmed our youth or beguiled our maturest idleness. The text is that of the original, and the illustrations are the work of a great artist. The book is a good idea to issue the work in two volumes, in which form we read it in our youth, and we will remember the task it was to manipulate it with our undeveloped and feeble fingers, though this annoyance was more than counterbalanced by the absorbing interest and pleasure of the most thrilling of stories. The opening chapters will not hold you very tightly, but after a little a string of locomotives could not draw you away.

THE ALUMNI BULLETIN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. Published quarterly by the Faculty. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. Editorial Committee: Charles W. Kent, (chairman), W. M. Lile, John Staige Davis, William M. Thornton.
Table of Contents: The University Abolished; Our Library; The Rotunda; The School of Athens; Resurgam; Remarks of Hon. Gardner G. Hubbard; A Further Note on the History of the University; The Alumni Associations; Editorial Comments; Generous Sympathy; Two Letters of Interest.
ON THE SUWANEE RIVER. A Romance. By Ople Read, author of "The Wives of the Prophet," etc. New York: Laird & Lee, 1896. Cloth, 75 cents.
This is a wholesome story, of generous action, shielding and vindicating female innocence charged with the crime of murder.
Many amusing and interesting characters and incidents are introduced in the course of the narrative, which well engages the attention of the reader. It is illustrated.
WILMOT'S CHILD. By Atey Nynne, student and bachelor. New York: Doubleday & Co., 1896. Cloth, 75 cents.
This is quite an interesting story, and

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Ladies' Chemises, 37c.
Ladies' Chemises, 48c.
A full line of Corset-Covers, extra wide, 25c.
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Ladies' Skirts, very wide, embroidered ruffles, 62c.
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Boys' Jersey Suits, in Blue and Black, were \$2.75, now \$1.50.
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15 Boys' Suits, in Gray and Brown mixed, were \$1.55, now \$1.45.
(Small sizes only.)
68 Boys' Reeler and Junior Suits, All-Wool Cheviots, were \$4.95, now \$2.95.
(Ages 5 to 7.)
99 Reeler Jackets, in Blue and Black, sailor and velvet collars, were \$3.95 and \$4.75, now \$2.45 and \$2.95.
(Ages 3 to 7 and 10 to 14.)
A few sizes of Garnet and Gray Reeler Jackets, were \$3.45, must go at \$2.25.
128 pairs Knee-Pants, Blue and Black Cheviots and Gray Kerseys, value 75c, now 25c.
Youths' Storm Overcoats, Brown and Gray Chinclilla, excellent value, at \$5, now \$3.95.
(Ages 10 to 14.)

Gentlemen's Underwear.

Gentlemen's All-Wool Double-Breasted Shirts and Drawers, medicated, good value for \$1.50; now 75c.
Men's Natural-Wool Shirts only, were 75c; now 50c.
Men's Merino Double and Single-Breasted Shirts only, worth 60c; now 45c.
Men's Flannel Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Tan and Gray, were 60c; now 45c.
Men's Flannel Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, broken shades, were \$2.50; now 1.50.
Gentlemen's Gloves, Scotch-Wool, were 1 1/2c, now 75c.
Gentlemen's Wool Scotch Gloves, worth 25c, now 15c.
Gentlemen's Flannel-Lined Skin-Gloves, were 35c, now 25c.
Gentlemen's Flannel-Lined Cashmere Gloves, were 75c, now 50c.

Crockery.

Onyx Tables, special bargains, were \$5, now \$2.45.
Onyx Tables, extra quality, neat styles, were \$6.50, now \$4.45.
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Dresden Chocolate-Pots and Sugar-Dishes.
Sovereign Plates of all kinds.
Sovereign Cups and Saucers at prices greatly reduced.
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All-Wool Plaids, 26 inches wide, worth 60c, 35c.
Black Effects, 24 inches wide, 25c.
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Boucle Effects in Blue, Green, and Gold, 35c.
Silk and Wool Novelties, all shades, worth \$1, 75c.
Blue and Green Cloaking, 54 inches wide, worth \$1.50, now \$1.
All-Wool Cashmeres, assorted shades, 28 inches wide, 1 1/2c, 25c.
Black Cloaking Cheviot, 54 inches wide, worth \$2; now \$1 1/2.
Black Cloaking, 54 inches wide, worth \$2.25; now \$1.50.
Black Cloaking, 54 inches wide, worth \$2.50; now \$1.75.
Remnants in this department to suit you.

Ladies' Wraps.

Ladies' Black Caterpillar-Cloth Jackets, were \$15, now \$7.50; sizes 36, 38, 40.
Ladies' Black Boucle Jacket, made in sleeve, ripple back, was \$15, now \$7.50; sizes 32 to 38.
Ladies' Plain and Boucle Cloth, were formerly \$12.50, now \$6; sizes 36 and 38 only.
Ladies' Plain Black Jackets, were \$3.50, now \$5; sizes 32 to 40.
Ladies' Black and Blue Plain Cloth Jackets, were \$5.50, now \$3.95; sizes 32 to 42 only.
Last-Year's Long Jackets, all colors, were \$15 and \$18, now \$2.50.
Ladies' Electric-Seal Capes, marlin and Thibet edge and collar, were \$10, now \$5.
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Ladies' Plain Electric-Seal Capes, were \$12.50, now \$7.50.
Ladies' Astrachan Capes, were \$10, now \$5.
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Ladies' Coney Capes, were \$10, now \$5.
Ladies' Short Seal Capes, were \$10, now \$5.
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